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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/735,933  
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Enclosed please find an Amendment in response to the October 4, 2005 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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 ) Examiner: FRECH, Karl D.  
 Serial No.: 10/735,933 ) Group Art Unit: 2876  
 Filed: December 15, 2003 )  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING AND REPORTING  
 WHETHER A MAIL PIECE HAS BEEN OPENED BY A RECIPIENT

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
 PO BOX 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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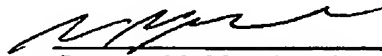
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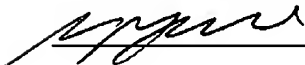
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the October 4, 2005 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due January 4, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.

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